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Re: Application of Takehiro MATSUDA
OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS
Assignee: PIONEER CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q65050

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including forty-eight (48) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, sixteen (16) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO form 1449, Preliminary Amendment and Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement.

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Priority is claimed from June 21, 2000 based on Japanese Patent Application No. P.2000-185796. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following U.S. Patent applications which the Examiner may deem material to an examination of the above-identified application.

U.S.S.N. 90/683,466, Filed May 24, 2001

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

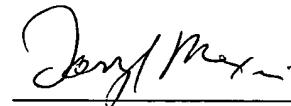
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